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SUBJ: ASSISTANCE TO US TOURISTS IN PRC

1. GENERAL TOURS HAS ARRANGED THROUGH CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE TO TRANSPORT MRS. MANSET'S TWO SISTERS TO HONG KONG TOMORROW MORNING (THURSDAY, MAY 4), WHERE THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE (HK) LTD. WILL ARRANGE THEIR AIRLINES PASSAGE TO NEW YORK ON PAN AM FLIGHT #2 DEPARTING HONG KONG AT ABOUT 1330 HRS FRIDAY. MAY 5. FLIGHT TWO IS SCHEDULED TO STOP AT TOKYO EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK. THE ACTING GROUP LEADER FOR THE GENERAL TOURS GROUP, MR. DOUGLAS SMITH, IS NOW IN CANTON WITH THE GROUP INCLUDING THE SISTERS, AND BELIEVES THINGS TO BE PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY. CITS WILL ARRANGE THE SISTERS' TRANSPORT FROM LOWU TO THE PAKISTAN AIRLINES OFFICE AND WILL FACILITATE THE AIR TICKET CHANGE TO PAN AM AIRLINES. CITS WILL ALSO ARRANGE HONG KONG HOTEL SPACE AND FRIDAY TRANSPORTATION TO THE AIRPORT. SMITH RECOMMENDS MRS. KRIEGEL, MRS. MANSET'S DAUGHTER, KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH GENERAL TOURS' OFFICE IN

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NEW YORK REGARDING TRAVEL LOGISTICS.

2. ROBERT ARMSTRONG ADVISED USLO THAT HE WILL REMAIN WITH MRS. MANSET AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, AND WILL PROCEED TO PEKING FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CITS WHEN HIS RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING MRS. MANSET END. ARMSTRONG OFFERED THE FOLLOWING FURTHER INFORMATION ON MRS. MANSET'S CONDITION: A TRACHEOTOMY WAS PERFORMED ON MRS. MANSET TO RELIEVE A BUILDUP OF

PHLEGM. HER TEMPERATURE REMAINED HIGH, 39.2 CELCIUS (103 F). DOCTORS IN NANNING FEAR SHE MAY BE DEVELOPING PNEUMONIA.

3. DOUGLAS SMITH CAN BE REACHED AT ROOM 1035 THE TUNG FANG HOTEL IN CANTON TELEPHONE 69900. CONGEN HONG KONG MAY WISH TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH HIM FOR DETAILS OF SISTERS'TRAVEL.
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